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### TRENCHES NO MORE.

One of the specially horrifying features of warfare seems to be the trench. It is a place in which the offensive or defensive engagements of any decisive character. That is the prediction of those who are studying the military operations from a close range.

There is not the least doubt that the French and English allies have for a long period been merely on the defensive, a condition they could do no better than accept and make the most of it. That called for "digging in" but this was resorted to by the enemy as well. The results have been a straggling, desultory contest from both sides, amounting in effect to a practical dead-lock. This has been the condition for many long dreary months and it is little wonder that the trenches have been the bane of the soldier in the field and the horror of those who have been expecting to be called to the front. Aversion to being sent to the trenches which is the supposed fate of all who have to respond to the selective draft, is to be removed, if the opinion of the militarists is correct. Instead of walls and delays and re-lays of men to take their turn among the "cooties," the trench fever and the multiplied annoyances in the way of physical and mental torture, there is to be action direct and continuous, participated in not by the infantrymen alone, but by artillery, cavalry and all other forces, which will bring the whole distasteful business, trenches and all, to an end.

### NOT SO SECRETIVE.

One of the welcomed changes in handling the war intelligence is that there is less secrecy and a great deal more liberality among the officials. There is much less restraint than that which was evident only a few months ago. A good deal of the criticism of the war preparations was directed at the officials which has been the extent of weekly reports that tell all about the movements of troops, and in many instances, where they are placed and other matters which the people like to know and which does no harm to give out. Commenting on this phase of the case the Spokesman-Review says that this has been a change for the better. General March's periodical talks with congress and with the correspondents are looked forward to as real tidbits of news. The general keeps the country posted on the spot, from week to week, of our expeditionary force. He names divisions and even regiments, in action, and

tells where they are operating. He gives illuminating little talks on tactics. In short, the present policy is to foster an intelligent curiosity that every American feels in the progress of the war.  
 Soldiers overseas, as long as they are not in the front lines, can write home and tell where they are, and their people can locate them on the map and feel that they are in touch with the war, after all. Who is responsible for the change is not apparent—whether it was ordered by Pershing, or March, or the president, or even by Mr. Baker. But if the benefactor is ever identified there will be an epidemic of votes on Congress.

### THE FIRST CREAMERY.

(By E. L. Eckley.)  
 The first creamery in La Grande was in a building, which occupied a site near the W. D. Grandy residence. It was built in the winter of 1888-9. Several years before that a cheese factory was operated at Alder in Wallowa county and the creamery business, with cheese-making as the principal object was operated in Cove for several years before and after the industry was attempted in La Grande.

The initial venture here was the result of a promotion scheme by a Chicago firm in which buildings with specified equipments were supplied on a contract basis to local companies. It was fixed, in the contracts that each stockholder was responsible for the whole amount, and there was no failure of the undertaking so far as the supply house was concerned. It was done by a business plan and that is why

After one or two abortive attempts the building was turned over to another concern which established therein the first steam laundry ever operated in La Grande. The laundry flourished, where the creamery had failed, but after a year or two the whole plant went up in flames.  
 Probably not less than half a dozen attempts were made to establish a creamery business in La Grande, and all of them failed. The situation in this regard finally changed until not only one, but others are in the field ready to handle all the milk that is offered.

### CUP IS AWARDED.

#### Fourth Shoot Ended Contest For The Hot Lake Trophy.

HOT LAKE, July 26.—(Special.)—The fourth, and what proved to be the final shoot for the Hot Lake Silver Cup, was shot for this evening at the Sanatorium traps.  
 Dr. Pfy, who had already won two previous weekly shoots proved to be in good form, killing 95 out of his one hundred birds.  
 Lou Rayburn, his nearest opponent, who won the first shoot of the series, could do no better than to bring down 84 out of his hundred shots. The event was shot off in a very uncertain light, and between 6 and 7:30 p.m.  
 Whilst at times the glare of the setting sun was very brilliant, a few minutes of gloomy light kept intervening and to this it is easy to attribute Mr. Rayburn's falling down from his well-known ability to most always get 95 or over out of a hundred birds.  
 The cup thus became the property of Dr. Pfy. The other birds participating in the contest were Frank Lilley, Joe Carr (Old Blue Rock), G. Larson and Tom Scroggin.

### LUCKY "THIRTEEN."

The cooked food sale now in progress is proving to be a huge success, saving to the housewives many hours of labor, in being able to buy a good Sunday dinner, all ready to serve tomorrow.

The local Red Cross will get another big sum of money, which will aid materially in carrying on its food

### WORD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the R. P. O. E., the K. of P., of La Grande and Enterprise, and to the many kind friends of La Grande and Enterprise, for the beautiful floral offerings and words of sympathy extended during our bereavement.  
 MRS. WALDO B. BACH AND FAMILY.  
 7-29, 11, p.d.

It is nice and cool the past few days, but Al Cain says he is good and busy, at Silverthorn's fountain, putting up those delicious sundaes, regardless of the weather conditions. Down south, where he came from, they don't find such summer weather as the La Grande climate. 7-27f

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### REX CROSS AUXILIARY REPORT

Report of the ice cream social and auction sale of goods, as given by the Busy Bees Auxiliary, of 1702 Cove Ave., La Grande, which was held in the Salvation Army Hall on June 5th.  
 The sale of ice cream was \$18.40 and the sale of goods at auction, \$22.70; total proceeds, \$36.10.  
 This report has been delayed until outstanding accounts could be collected, but all available money was turned in to the Chapter as soon as collected; and the receipts from the Secretary of the Chapter are now all on file with this auxiliary.  
 The chairman of this auxiliary, Mrs. E. Gutridge, desires to call attention to the fact that several articles have been left at her residence since the dinner held at the Y. M. C. A. building on May 25th. Owners will kindly call for same.  
 With sincere thanks to each member and others who so kindly assisted and to the public for their kind patronage, we are sincerely,  
 MRS. E. GUTRIDGE, Chairman.  
 MRS. L. ORTON, Treasurer.  
 DR. M. J. ALLEN, Sec.

### CALL FOR BEDDING.

The Red Cross shop today received a call for bedding, much needed and it is desired by those in charge that any who have spare bedding, send it to the Red Cross shop, or phone the number of the house, so that such bedding may be sent for.

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